

# Talk of the Town

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## *A message from* Supervisor Bill Reilich

As I look back on this past year, I am grateful to all the residents of this Town who have come together to help and support one another during a difficult year. The kind of behavior and attitude exhibited by Greece residents throughout hard times makes me proud both to live in this community and represent you all as Town Supervisor. I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to each and every resident of Greece who has stepped up and faced this challenging year with kindness and resilience.

These past several months we have...

Recognized outstanding members of our community, begun officially planning for our Town's 200th year anniversary, begun work on the Community and Senior Center expansion, welcomed new members to our Greece Police Department, and much more!

As always, I enjoy hearing feedback from residents about programming and other Town-related matters. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office or visit our website. I would also invite you to **like my Facebook page: Bill Reilich Greece Town Supervisor**. Here you will find lots of information regarding Town events and happenings.

**Bill Reilich**  
Supervisor



## *A message from* **Councilman Michael Barry, Jr.**

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a safe, fun and wonderful Christmas and Holiday season. Also, as those last snowflakes are falling, let's be sure to drive safely and be careful on the roads. Even though our Greece DPW is TOPS at snow removal and plowing, we still need to watch out for one another!

Speaking of our great Town of Greece employees, Supervisor Reilich, the Town Board and myself, would like to **welcome our new Greece Police Department Chief Mike Wood and Deputy Chief Naser Zenelovic**. Welcome aboard! We would also like to thank all of our staff members who continue to make the Town of Greece the wonderful place that it is with fun family events. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy some of the Fall/Winter events and activities that have taken place since the last newsletter, such as our annual Christmas Tree Lighting complete with cider and donuts, and even a visit from St. Nick himself! Our Ice Rink also continued to draw crowds on those particularly chilly days in Greece with hundreds coming out to enjoy the amenities. Even with these awesome annual traditions and high-end quality-of-life services, we will not rest on our laurels when it comes to bringing Greece residents opportunities to enjoy our Town.

One such new opportunity is the Skate Park Construction Grant our Town just received. Our Parks and Recreation Department has worked diligently to create a detailed plan for a new Skate Park in the Town of Greece and submitted the grant. We satisfied many requirements in our plan such as ensuring the Town has an appropriate location, engagement with a local architect to discuss size, options, feasibility, and potential layout, having letters of support from our community and a Skate Park Advocate on board. All that planning has paid off. This grant is a major step in our plans to build and open a brand-new public skate park in the Town of Greece for our residents. The mission of The Skatepark Project is to develop quality places to practice the sport of skateboarding and provide a healthy outlet and recreational challenge to like-minded individuals. To date, 575 recipients of the The Skatepark Project grants have opened their skate parks. To learn more about this organization, visit **skatepark.org**. The Skate Park is only one of the upcoming projects on their way to campus. As mentioned in the last Greece Talk of the Town, I mentioned the construction at our Community and Senior Center. You can see a complete rendering and further updates of its progress, and all projects, on Supervisor Reilich's and my Facebook pages.

Finally, I would like to **recognize the passing of our Hometown Hero, Mr. Gary Beikirch** and offer my condolences to his family. Mr. Beikirch epitomized what it meant to be an American - steadfast in his faith, committed to serving others, and working hard to help his community. His bravery during the Vietnam War led to his receiving the Medal of Honor, and his military career has been chronicled extensively throughout our country's news outlets and social media since his passing. We were blessed to have this humble man, this Christian servant, live in our own community. I count myself fortunate for that, and can tell my children that they were in the presence of a true American Hero when they met him. May God bless his soul, and grant peace and solace to his family.

As always, please feel free to contact me via email at **mbarry@greecenyny.gov** or on my cell phone at **(585) 315-5823** with any questions or concerns you may have about Town government. Thank you for your support, and I hope to see you at the many activities and events the Town of Greece has to offer.

Sincerely,

Michael Barry, Jr.  
1st Ward Councilman



*A message from*  
**Councilman William Murphy**

Dear Neighbor,

I would first like to thank everyone who lives in the 2nd Ward in the Town of Greece, for having the confidence and trust to elect me to my third term. I am honored to be your representative and I will work hard every day to earn that trust and confidence.

2022 is upon us and snow is still falling. Please use caution when driving on wet and icy roads. Our Department of Public Works employees are hard at work keeping our streets open and safe for your travels. They do an exceptional job clearing our streets and sidewalks.

Since the last newsletter, we have been very busy with Covid that is still with us; we have handed out masks and Covid Rapid test kits to our Greece residents who wanted them. Please be safe and use care during your everyday activities. Also, we prepared and approved our Town of Greece Budget for this coming year 2022. I am very excited to announce that we have reduced the Town's tax rate again this year by \$0.16, to \$5.99 per thousand. The Town has also decreased our Tax Levy this year by \$326,725. With all our daily expenses going up like gas, food prices, heating prices and so on it only made sense that our Supervisor and Town Board reduced our taxes. We are all in this together.

I have joined Supervisor Reilich and my colleagues on the Greece Town Board at events that celebrate the Town, like the annual tree lighting at Town Hall, and the Greece Department of Parks and Recreation Christmas night at Braddock Bay Park. The Town opened the lighted ice-skating rink for everyone in Greece to enjoy and even included outdoor heat lamps so skaters or family members could warm-up. In other news we have begun our renovation and major expansion to the Greece Community and Senior Center at Town Hall Campus. The facility will have a newly renovated foyer area, expanded walking track and a state-of-the-art wellness center with exercise equipment. With this expansion the Center will be able to accommodate several more people for classes, events and lunches.

In closing, if anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions that would help make this great community even better to live in and raise a family, please contact me at [wmurphy@greecenyny.gov](mailto:wmurphy@greecenyny.gov) or call me at (585) 507-9133.

Sincerely,

William Murphy  
2nd Ward Councilman





*A message from*  
**Councilman Michael Bloomer**

Dear Neighbor,

As we enter 2022, the Town of Greece begins to celebrate its 200th Anniversary. I am proud to serve the residents of the Third Ward as we mark this special occasion. Many events are planned for this year to celebrate this milestone. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming festivities!

The winter was a little slow to start as far as snowfall goes, but I would like to thank Kirk Morris and the entire Department of Public Works team for their excellent work in keeping our roads safe. Our DPW staff works hard all season in keeping the snow cleared. Please remember to give them some space as they are working through our roadways.

I was pleased to welcome our new Police Chief, Mike Wood, to lead the department. His experience and leadership in the law enforcement community will be a tremendous asset to our Town of Greece Police Department. I am looking forward to the Chief guiding our department into the future.

As many of you may have noticed, the Community and Senior Center expansion project has begun. This project will bring a much-anticipated addition to the very popular area at our Town Hall Complex. Highlights of the project include an expanded walking track, wellness center, toddler gym, and senior lounge, including a new fireplace. This addition will greatly improve this tremendous asset of our Town.

Our Town Hall Campus is also home to an outdoor ice-skating rink. This rink has portable heaters and a warming area for both skaters and spectators. A new ice resurfacing machine was useful to keep the ice smooth. This is a great area for our residents to get some outside exercise in the cold winter months.

New businesses are coming to the Town of Greece in 2022. In the Eastman Business Park, Li-Cycle (a lithium battery recycling business) and Manheim Auto Auctions will both be establishing their businesses here. Additionally, Hobby Lobby and Tom Wahl's will be opening new locations in the Town. These businesses will create many jobs and opportunities for the residents of the Town of Greece and surrounding communities.

As you can see, I am looking forward to many exciting things happening in the Town of Greece in 2022!

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any issues or concerns you may have by email at **[mbloomer@greeceny.gov](mailto:mbloomer@greeceny.gov)** or call me at **(585) 760-4857**. I look forward to seeing you soon during the many activities and events the Town of Greece has to offer.

Sincerely,

Michael Bloomer  
3rd Ward Councilman



*A message from*  
**Councilwoman Diana Christodaro**

Dear Neighbor,

Last November, Supervisor Reilich, my fellow Board Members and myself, voted to approve the 2022 Town budget which reduced your property tax rate for the 5th straight year! This reduction brought the Town tax rate to \$5.99 per \$1,000 of property value. The Town will continue to deliver vital services to the residents of our community even with this reduction. I was proud to approve this budget and thank the Supervisor and the Town staff who were able to continue to find cost savings while not sacrificing our commitment to public safety and the well-being of our families.

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If you have been on Town Hall campus lately, I am sure that you have seen a lot going on. The Ice Rink, located next to the Library, has a new Zamboni and heat lamps for families to keep warm. Renovations have begun on the Community Center. The changes include a new layout to the lobby area, relocation of the gymnasium doors and internal improvements to the activity rooms. In addition we are expanding the footprint of the center in order to provide new and enhanced programs for all residents, young and old. Greece recently announced plans to create a Skate Park. Last year we announced that we were in the running for a grant and now we are excited to announce that we were awarded the Built to Play Skate Park grant.

I hope that you are having a happy and prosperous New Year. As always, I can be reached via email at **dchristodaro@greeceny.gov** or by phone at **(585) 770-0044** if you would like to share anything with me.

Sincerely,

Diana Christodaro  
4th Ward Councilwoman

**JOIN SUPERVISOR BILL REILICH AND  
GREECE RECEIVER OF TAXES ANDREW CONLON FOR A  
TOWN OF GREECE  
ON -SITE  
SHREDDING EVENT!  
FREE FOR  
GREECE RESIDENTS!  
(LIMIT BOXES TO 5!)**

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**WHERE: GREECE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

**1:00PM—4:00PM**

**BRING ANY PAPERS AND FILES TO BE SHREDDED!**

**Your Town Board Members...**

- ♦ Mike Barry
- ♦ Bill Murphy
- ♦ Mike Bloomer
- ♦ Diana Christodaro

**...will be on hand to help out!**



# The Library Link

## 3D Printing at the Library

Did you know that the Greece Public Library owns three 3D printers that you can use for the nominal fee of \$0.10/gram of filament?

3D printing is an exciting and popular technology that allows people to create tangible objects from a computer file... and it's not as hard as it sounds!

With our 3D printers (housed in our Creation Station), teens and adults have created dozens

of items ranging from phone stands to Christmas ornaments after going through our brief orientation and certification process. We recently moved our 3D Printer Orientation to a completely online format, so anyone can become certified at any time!

More information about 3D printing and the online certification process can be found on our website at [www.greecepubliclibrary.org/services/3d-printing](http://www.greecepubliclibrary.org/services/3d-printing)







**Greece**  
Public Library

www.greecelibrary.org | 225-8951  
or visit us on Town Hall Campus!

# PERFECT PAIRINGS

## 2022 READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS & TEENS

### HOW IT WORKS:

- Read a pair of books that share a common theme or topic, from different reading genres, one fiction and one non-fiction;
- Examples include: a True Crime and a Mystery; a Historical Fiction with a Historical Nonfiction; a Biography and a Novel about the same person; etc.!
- For each pair of books you read, fill out an entry form listing both, why you paired them, and a short review, and turn in at the library;
- Perfect Pairings Entry Form is available on the library's website (last option in the Readers pull down menu!);
- All reviews will be entered into a prize raffle drawn at the end of the program;
- Program ends May 31st.

### SAMPLE PAIRING

Ask one of our librarians  
for more pairing ideas!!







## COMMUNITY ICE RINK

Thousands of residents enjoyed this winter pastime.



### SKATES FOR ALL

Thanks to a generous donation of 100 pairs of skates by former NHL player and Greece's own Brian Gionta, residents were able to skate without the challenge of finding skates.

### A NEW LEVEL OF MAINTENANCE

This year, we purchased an ice resurfacer. This equipment allows for improved ice quality and a harder surface. The benefits include smaller chances of ice cracks in the surface, resulting in more days of safe skating.



# Department of Parks and Recreation



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Bill Reilich, Supervisor

**BENCH DEDICATIONS ARE A WONDERFUL WAY TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE WHILE LETTING OTHERS REST**

**NOW TAKING BENCH ORDERS FOR THE NEWLY IMPROVED GOODWIN PARK!**

Goodwin Park is located at 15 Long Pond Rd and has undergone significant flood prevention improvements.

CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
PARKS AND RECREATION AT  
723-2425 or  
[grecceparksandrec@greecenyny.gov](mailto:grecceparksandrec@greecenyny.gov)





## Town Awarded Grants for Park Improvements



### TRAILS

A new trailhead will be created at Basil Marella Park, thanks to a grant by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy fund via the Community Foundation.

This project will be located along the Rt 390 Trail and was a key recommendation of the improvement study completed in 2021.



### FITNESS

An outdoor Fitness Court will be installed at Basil Marella Park this year.

This open-air wellness center is due in part to a grant received by the National Fitness Campaign and MVP Healthcare.



### SKATEPARK

In January, the Town of Greece was awarded a skatepark construction grant from the Skate Park Project.

The mission of The Skatepark Project is to develop quality places to practice the sport of skateboarding and provide a healthy outlet and recreational challenge to like-minded individuals.

LOOK FOR UPDATES ON THESE EXCITING PROJECTS COMING SOON!

**JERRY J. HELFER MEMORIAL**

**FOOD TRUCK RODEO**

**&**

**SUMMER CONCERT**



**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD, FUN, AND GREAT MUSIC!**

**GREECE TOWN HALL CAMPUS**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH**

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**CONCERT BEGINS AT 6PM**

**FOOD TRUCKS OPEN AT 5:30PM**

**PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR BILL REILICH, THE GREECE YOUTH BOARD,  
AND THE GREECE COUNCILMEMBERS. PROCEEDS COLLECTED FROM  
THE FOOD TRUCK RODEO SUPPORT THE JERRY J. HELFER YOUTH  
ENGAGEMENT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**



# WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome to the Greece Police Department, **Chief Michael R. Wood** and **Deputy Chief Naser Zenelovic!**

Chief Wood has extensive experience, knowledge and a background rich in service to the community. He has a prolific record of collaborative leadership achievement across an array of operational, administrative, and executive positions, 34 years of comprehensive law enforcement experience, including 14 years in executive positions with three large New York State agencies.

Deputy Chief Zenelovic has over 27 years of law enforcement experience and his career has been dedicated to the core mission of policing in the spirit of service. His official start date with the Greece Police Department was January 17th.



*Chief Michael R. Wood*



*Deputy Chief  
Naser Zenelovic*

## ***Greece Police Mission Statement***

*We will strive to be highly motivated, highly trained, and highly competent.*

*Superior ethics, morals, and conduct will be our standard.*

*We will provide the citizens of the Town of Greece  
the quality of service they deserve and expect.*

*Our professionalism will be our hallmark.*

## **Join Us for Our Annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony**

Every Memorial Day, we join our friends at the Greece American Legion Post #468 in organizing a community Memorial Day Parade. This special parade, which proceeds down Long Pond Road from Janes Road ending at the Greece Town Hall Campus, is followed by a Remembrance Ceremony at the Greece Town Hall Pavilion. Both the parade and ceremony are free and open to the public. **The parade will begin at 11:00am on Monday, May 30th and the Remembrance Ceremony will take place directly afterwards – approximately 11:45am under the Town Pavilion.** Please join us as we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



# THE GREECE TEAM



*"I was honored to administer the Oath of Office for Town Councilmembers **Mike Barry, Bill Murphy, Mike Bloomer,** and **Diana Christodaro** and Receiver of Taxes **Andrew Conlon** during our January Organizational Meeting. Each and every member is an outstanding contributing member of our team and they work hard to represent and serve every resident in the Town of Greece. I could not be more proud to serve with this team."*

— **Supervisor Bill Reilich**

## EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITIONS

The Town of Greece Eagle Scout Recognition Medal is presented to all Boy Scouts who have recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in their local troop.

*"I had the privilege of presenting a proclamation and medal to **Matthew Mastowski** who has recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop Number 18. For his Eagle Scout Project, Matthew decided to pursue a project that would benefit the children who visited YMCA Camp Northpoint. Matthew wanted to choose a project where he was able to build something – and he was able to do just that with this project. Matthew built benches and a TV communication stand at YMCA Camp Northpoint. Thank you, Matthew, for choosing a project that helped enhance the experience of children attending YMCA Camp Northpoint."*

— **Supervisor Bill Reilich**





## ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES THE TOWN OF GREECE TREE CITY USA



"The Town of Greece was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Preserving our Town's natural beauty is a very important mission. I am honored that the Arbor Day Foundation has granted our Town with this distinguished title. It is a testament to our community's commitment in conserving our forestry and protecting the natural beauty of our Town."

— Supervisor Bill Reilich

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# Thank You

Even during the difficult time our world is facing, our community still embodies a spirit of selfless giving. Thank you to all those who donated towards the **Holiday Giving Program Matt's Coats for Kids**. Over the years, the organization has helped distribute thousands of winter outerwear items to children in need. Greece is a community that comes together time and again to help those in need.

## MESSAGE FROM TECHNICAL SERVICES: REFUSE PICKUP

In residential neighborhoods, garbage and recycle totes and bins cannot be placed out at the curb any earlier than noon the day before your scheduled pickup and must be brought back from the curb by the end of your scheduled pickup day. Due to the snowfall we have had recently, it is very important that residents be aware of placements of totes and bins as to not interfere with the sidewalk and road

plows. When placing your refuse at the curb, it is important to consolidate it in a way to ensure that it does not cause any interference with plows, as well as pedestrian and road travel. If the amount of refuse at the curb exceeds a 5ft by 5ft square, it is the home owner's responsibility to make additional arrangements with their pickup company for its removal.

# MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN HISTORIAN



## ***In Memoriam: Sgt. Gary Beikirch***

***August 29, 1947 ~ December 26, 2021***

On December 26, 2021, the Town of Greece lost one of its most admired and esteemed citizens. Sgt. Gary Beikirch passed away surrounded by his family after waging a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Sgt. Beikirch was a man familiar with courage. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard Nixon on October 15, 1973 for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" on April 1, 1970 in Kon Tum Province, South Vietnam. He was also awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Distinguished Service Cross, a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

Gary played soccer in high school at Greece Olympia and graduated in 1965. He enlisted in the U.S Army in 1967 and was discharged as a sergeant in 1971. Following his service to his country, he attended the White Mountain Seminary in New Hampshire, where, in his words, he was "dedicating my life to serving God, who had given me life." He was ordained a Baptist minister in 1975. He went on to receive a Master's Degree in sociology and counseling from SUNY Brockport. The Gary Beikirch Veterans' Memorial located at the Greece Town Hall was dedicated May 31, 1999 in his honor. His was a life dedicated to the service of others and the principles of courage, self-improvement and integrity. May he rest in heavenly peace at last.

## **ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE**

In honor of our bicentennial celebration, we launched a 200-year anniversary time capsule! Greece residents were encouraged to submit suggestions of items to be included in the time capsule that will be enjoyed by future residents! Later this spring we will be placing a 50-year time capsule on the Town Hall campus! It will include artifacts recommended by our residents in response to the survey given last fall. There were so many great suggestions! Stay tuned for a date announcing the placement and sealing of the time capsule.

## **CHECK OUT THE HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY!**

In honor of our Town's 200th bicentennial anniversary, we created a Historic Resources Survey! The survey is an online, living archive of maps, images, information and historical narratives documenting Greece's heritage in an accessible format that is easy to navigate for people of all ages. The survey is maintained by the Town Historian and utilized to share the highlights of our history that have contributed to Greece being the great town and community it is today. Check out this engaging site that shares information about our history, the neighborhoods, business districts, waterways, and people that are the fabric of our community in new and creative ways.

The survey link address is:

**[https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/  
7a414722fef745efb0fddfad4af0bdf3](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7a414722fef745efb0fddfad4af0bdf3)**



## 2022 Brush Collection and “Give-Back” Programs

### Brush Collection Instructions and Schedule

The Town offers residential brush collection on a year-round basis, and will follow the schedule shown on the accompanying map. **Trees, brush, and stumps generated from lot clearing and private contractors will not be picked up.** The Town also permits residents to dispose of their residential brush at the Yard Waste Management Facility, 635 Flynn Rd, Monday-Saturday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Closed Sundays and holidays. For more information please visit [www.greeceny.gov](http://www.greeceny.gov).

When putting out brush for collection, please follow the following procedures::

**Please have all brush at curbside by Monday morning of your scheduled week. This will help ensure that your brush will be picked up during your scheduled week.**

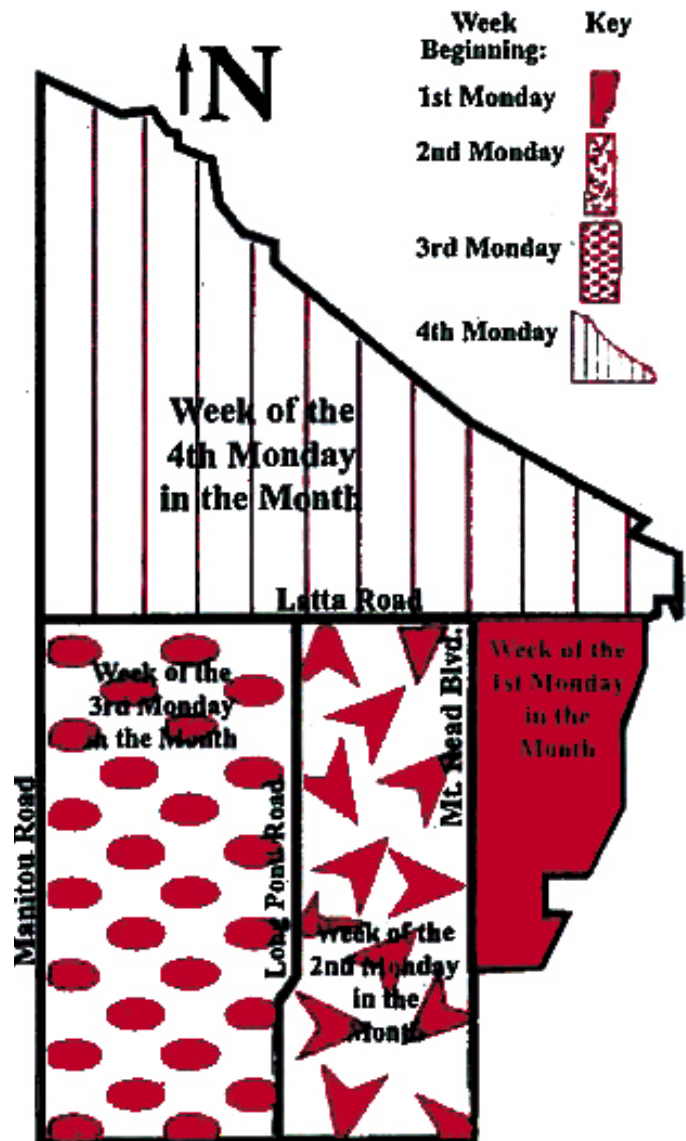
- Cut all brush, limbs, or trees to a length no greater than 4'.
- Tree stumps “may” be picked up if they are reasonably free of dirt and rocks.
- Do not mix any metal, rocks, dirt, lumber, concrete, or foreign debris in with the brush.
- Do not pile brush under overhead wires of any kind and keep all brush piles away from telephone poles, fire hydrants, guide wires, low tree limbs, plants, and guide rails.
- Do not place yard debris and/or brush in, or near, waterways and ponds.
- Place the material parallel to the road neatly and uniformly so as not to block the road, sidewalk, or another property.
- Do not place yard debris in plastic bags.

### Wood Chip/Compost Material “Give-Back” Program

Greece residents may obtain compost and/or wood chips in one of two ways. Both materials are available free of charge in unlimited quantities and can be picked up at the Town of Greece Transfer Station, 635 Flynn Road, Monday-Saturday from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

In addition, Town DPW employees will deliver both materials to our residents. The cost per delivery is \$50 per load. This delivery price, which is below market value, helps with fuel, equipment, and labor costs. Again, residents may pick up these materials at the transfer station for free.

If you would like to have these materials delivered to your home, please complete the form found on our website ([www.greeceny.gov](http://www.greeceny.gov)) and bring it with your payment to the Town Clerk’s Office located in the Service Mall entrance of Greece Town Hall, One Vince Tofany Boulevard. Or, you may mail in your form and payment (check only) to the Clerk’s Office.



# Department of Public Works

## HELPFUL TIPS TO AVOID CLOGGED SANITARY SEWER LINES

The Department of Public Works maintains approximately 300 miles of sanitary sewers in the Town of Greece. This work includes routine televising to locate and identify any issues in the sewer pipe, cleaning pipes, repairing breaks and conducting upgrades throughout the system. The Town also provides a service not found in many communities whereby a DPW crew will come to your home to investigate, assess and possibly clear a potential blockage. This saves our residents substantial dollars on plumbing expenses.



The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior.



The build-up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain.



Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow.

Unfortunately, blockages do occur in the system, either in the Town sewer main out by the road, or within the homeowner's line or lateral that connects to the sewer main. This may happen for a variety of reasons and may result in backups into the home or costly repairs. Residents are encouraged to locate the cleanout caps and backflow preventers

(typically found in the basement) to ensure they are properly installed and secure. Oftentimes blockages occur as a result of material flushed down toilets or placed in sink drains or garbage disposals.

The following items cause blockages in, or damage to, sanitary sewer pipes:

- Baby wipes and "flushable wipes" – these **do not** biodegrade despite saying so on the packaging
- FOG (Fats, Oils & Grease) – including bacon grease, butter, cooking oil, gravy, mayonnaise, salad dressings, sauces, food scraps, etc.
- Diapers and rags
- Cat litter – flushed in toilet when cleaning litter box
- Paint, paint thinner, or other chemicals

We are happy to provide you with this useful information. With your help we can ensure the system is functioning properly for the benefit of all our residents here in the Town of Greece.

## STORMWATER TIPS: WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP IT FLOWING!

The Department of Public Works maintains over 400 miles of storm sewers here in the Town of Greece. This system, along with our many creeks, streams and neighborhood storm water management facilities, help manage storm water runoff to keep our roads and neighborhoods from flooding during heavy rain events.

Debris, such as leaves, grass clippings, recyclables and garbage dumped into creeks and ponds or blown into the road will accumulate and block storm sewer grates and pipes, causing backups and potential flooding. DPW crews do a great job responding to hundreds of calls to address flooding issues and to clear leaves, grass clippings or garbage that is blocking neighborhood storm sewer grates. We do greatly appreciate the assistance we receive from residents when a simple pulling back of the material with a garden rake will clear the blockage more quickly and allow the ground water to enter into the storm water system. We also encourage residents to utilize trash receptacles when traveling throughout the community and to please check to make sure garbage totes and recycle bins are secure when left out on waste hauler pickup days.

The Town of Greece provides a number of services to assist residents with the removal of yard debris. Certain material can

be brought to the Yard Waste Management Facility located at 635 Flynn Rd, Monday-Saturday 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM; Closed Sundays and holidays. In addition, DPW crews will pick up brush and bagged leaves (paper bags only) from residential properties. Please visit the Town website at [www.greecenyny.gov](http://www.greecenyny.gov) for more information and a schedule for brush and leaf pickup.

If residents encounter a blocked creek, a plugged inflow/outflow pipe in a neighborhood storm water facility, or experience flooding on your street, please contact the Department of Public Works immediately at (585) 225-4590. Crews are able to respond 24-hrs/day, 7-days/week.

We look forward to continuing to work together with our residents to both keep our community clean and ensure that our vast storm water management system is safe and functioning properly!



## Did You Know?

*In an effort to keep Greece roads clear of snow and safe for travel, the Department of Public Works conducted 6 full plow runs and 39 full salt runs this past winter. The Town will continue to provide this high level of service for our residents!*



Town of Greece  
1 Vince Tofany Blvd.  
Greece, NY 14612

## Community & Senior Center (CSC)



## **RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!**

This could mean last-minute  
cancellations or changes  
to your activity.

TEXT **CSCNOTIFY** TO **74121**  
TO STAY INFORMED OF  
CLASS/ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS

